



# LION'S ROAR

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TO

## VOTERS IN LEON VALLEY

By Leticia Callanen,  
Interim City Secretary

The City of Leon Valley is conducting a Special Election to be held jointly with Bexar County, which will take place Tuesday, November 5, 2013. Staff has put together some frequently asked questions (FAQ's) about the 2 ballot measures that are solely for Leon Valley voters to consider. Continue to pages 4-7 for more about this election. Election Information, in both English and Spanish, can also be found online by visiting the Leon Valley City Secretary's webpage.

### Key Dates and Info

1. Deadline to Register to Vote: **October 7, 2013**
2. Early Voting: **Monday, October 21 through Friday, November 1** at Leon Valley Conference Center
3. Deadline to apply for a mail ballot: **October 25, 2013**
4. Election Day: **Tuesday, November 5, 2013**
5. New Voter ID law now in effect for this election - Information available at [LeonValleyTexas.gov](http://LeonValleyTexas.gov)

### What's on the Ballot?

Besides having 9 Constitutional Amendments to consider, there will be 2 ballot measures for registered voters living in the City of Leon Valley to also consider.

- The Reauthorization of the Street Maintenance Sales and Use Tax, with an expiration of 10 years
- The Creation of a Crime Control and Prevention District, and the adoption of a local sales and use tax at a rate of one-eighth of one percent pursuant to Chapter 363 of the Texas Local Government Codes

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## MAYOR'S MESSAGE

By Mayor Chris Riley

### BUDGET HIGHLIGHTS – FY 2014 (FISCAL YEAR 10/1/13 – 9/30/14)

In September, City Manager Longoria presented and council passed the General Fund budget for fiscal year 2014. Revenues from property taxes, sales tax, franchise fees, licenses, permits, fees and fines as well as grants are projected at about \$6.95 million, to fund police, fire, public works, general government, library, parks, economic development, community development and special events. This budget also funds a receptionist position to help improve customer service, support for a Leon Valley Festival, a city employee compensation analysis, and an updated strategic plan for the city.

The city will also draw from the capital reserve fund for a new ambulance (\$170,000), motor grader for streets (\$100,000), park improvements (\$100,000), hybrid vehicle for economic development (\$24,049), new sidewalks (\$20,000) and new library books (\$20,000).

This budget does not fund a cost of living adjustment (COLA) for city employees until after the salary market compensation analysis study is completed. This study will probably be used to adjust the employee pay plan. However, the budget will continue the merit pay program (city employees working between 1-8 years are eligible for a merit pay salary adjustment up to 5%). 60% of city employees qualify for this merit pay program. The budget also funds the continuation of longevity pay; all employees receive \$4 per month for each year of service to the city. Payment into the Texas Municipal Retirement System for all city employees, currently at 17.06%, will decrease on January 1, 2014 to 16.56%. Lastly, health insurance for all city employees, which has held steady in the last two budgets, will increase by 15%.

From other funds: three new police patrol vehicles costing \$114,000 will be paid from the police forfeiture fund. New street signs with our city's new logo, costing about \$35,000, will be paid from the street maintenance fund.

The Enterprise Fund, which funds the City's water and sewer operation revenues is budgeted at \$3.2 million. After a 5% increase in water and sewer rates for the last five years, there is no proposed increase this fiscal year. Major capital expenditures of \$260,000 to purchase water rights and \$120,000 to paint the Huebner water tank will be taken from the reserve fund.

Our city remains in excellent fiscal condition. After funding the FY 2014 budget, the city will have over \$1.5 million in the reserve (capital) fund, \$900,000 in an emergency fund for city operations, and over \$630,000 in the CPS Energy CIED fund from the approximately \$1.5 million received last year. As a reminder, the CIED fund was used to partially fund the Children's Wing expansion of the library and the monuments on Bandera Road.

To service our new \$7 million bond indebtedness for city facilities, a tax rate increase from \$57.4 cents to \$58.3 cents per \$100 of valuation was recommended. Please note the increase of \$0.008633 is only to help cover the debt service for the new fire station and renovated police and city hall expansion. The tax increase for an average Leon Valley house is \$15.00 annually (rate and average appraisal increase). Property taxes are frozen



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for any homeowner over age 65 due to Proposition 13. This rate increase along with the budget was approved by city council (after two required public hearings) on September 17, 2013. Thank you to City Manager Longoria, Vickie Wallace, Finance Director and all department heads for preparing a budget which is balanced and meets the needs of our city for the next year.

#### **CITY COUNCIL VOTES TO CHANGE MEETING SCHEDULE**

Please see Mr. Abraham Diaz's article in this issue of the Lion's Roar. For your planning purposes, please note the new city council meeting dates (changed to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month, unless there is a holiday, is moved to the following Monday). Start time is still 7:00 p.m.

- Monday, October 14, 2013
- Monday, November 18, 2013 (moved due to Veteran's Day holiday)
- Monday, December 9, 2013
- Monday, January 13, 2014
- Monday, February 10, 2014
- Monday, March 10, 2014 – Public hearing will be held to assess and gather citizen input.

#### **VIA'S BUS RAPID TRANSIT ARRIVES NOVEMBER 4, 2013**

**VIA's extension of the PRIMO Bus Rapid Transit into Leon Valley begins on Monday, November 4, 2013, seven days a week from 5 AM to 9:15 PM.** If you work at the Medical Center, attend UTSA or work downtown, the PRIMO will take you there in a comfortable, WiFi setting, every 30 minutes. At the Medical Center transit station, there is a shuttle to transfer riders to all the major employment centers in the

area (CTRC, University, Methodist, VA hospitals). The Department of Public Safety facility at the corner of Huebner and Evers road has ample parking and a PRIMO stop for those in the neighborhood wishing to park and ride. Also, each PRIMO bus has room for bikes inside for easier access. With gas prices steadily rising and worsening air pollution, the PRIMO will give our citizens additional transportation options. Hope to see you on the bus! (See Route below)

#### **LEON VALLEY POLICE – OUR CITY'S FINEST!**

I recently had the honor and privilege of patrolling Leon Valley streets with Corporal Marshall during the A shift, from 5:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. I learned that the city is divided into three districts in which we have officers working three shifts (**A** – 6AM -2PM; **B** – 2PM – 10PM; **C** – 10PM – 6:00 AM). There are five officers per shift. Minimum staffing per shift is three officers. For the entire time I rode with Corporal Marshall we did patrolling in the neighborhoods, especially covering the school zones on Huebner and Evers road, as well as the Marshall high school area. Over all it was a quiet morning with the exception of a call for assistance to help with a broken electric gate at Barcelona Lofts. I plan to patrol with the B & C shifts next. Chief Wallace reports that if any citizen would like to patrol with an officer on a shift for up to 4 hours, please call 684-3215 to schedule. Appropriate paperwork will need to be signed, but it is definitely worth getting a firsthand look at how our police department operates and you will be proud!

#### **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- **Saturday, November 2, 2013 – Coffee with Mayor & Council.** Time 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Meeting site to be determined.
- **Friday, November 15, 2013 – Leon Valley's City Band – Beethoven Concert Band** – Casino Night Fundraiser from 7-11 p.m. at 422 Pereida Street. \$40 per ticket. For more information, contact Bryan at [flyingbryan\\_33\\_99@yahoo.com](mailto:flyingbryan_33_99@yahoo.com). Your support is greatly appreciated!
- **Saturday, November 16, 2013 – Strategic Planning Update for the City.** Time: 8:30 – 12:30 p.m. at City Hall. It has been three years since we last reviewed and updated the city's goals and the strategies for accomplishing those goals. The strategic goals are listed on the city's website under Mayor & Council. A light breakfast will be served. We need your ideas and brainpower!

*Sincerely,  
Chris*

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# The Reyna Report

By Councilmember  
Arthur "Art" Reyna

*"The single biggest problem with communication is the illusion that it has taken place."*

~ George Bernard Shaw

This is the last newsletter you'll receive before the November general election, making it my last chance to talk with you about the ballot. In my last two columns, I've mentioned the city's street maintenance tax. The Texas Legislature passed a bill to allow Leon Valley voters to approve the tax for ten years instead of four.

The longer time period will allow the city to leverage the tax to pay for larger projects, similar to the way the city's economic development tax is leveraged. Without such a financial tool, we can't afford the projects needed for Huebner, Wurzbach and Evers Roads.

I also mentioned that we would share more details of the city's infrastructure needs. You've heard that work is needed on Evers Road. You've also heard about a plan to change Evers from four lanes to two. That plan came from a design competition to improve storm water drainage.

I mention the two-lane plan because so many of you have contacted me to share your concerns. The two-lane design has not been approved by city council. In fact, no design has been approved. The city is performing the initial

assessment to determine how much of Evers Road needs reconstruction.

After our specific needs are identified, we'll decide how much of the work can be done, depending on our ability to leverage the ten-year street maintenance tax. Most importantly, your city council will approve a plan to reconstruct Evers Road only after the various engineering studies are completed. I won't speak for my council colleagues; for me, the only way Evers will become a two-lane road is if it's a matter of public safety—your safety.

As always, please contact me at any time if you have any questions or concerns about the subject of this article or other city issues. I want you to have as much information as possible - I want you to know what we're doing for you and what we're not doing. My goal is to ensure that our city is fair to all, efficient in its efforts, consistent in its application of rules, effective in its work, with laser-like focus on its main business.

Art Reyna is Leon Valley mayor pro tem and president of Texas Municipal League Region 7 (Art.Reyna@leonvalleytexas.gov;



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**Special Election – November 5, 2013**  
**Reauthorization of a Street Maintenance Sales Tax**

***Why is this issue on the election ballot this fall?***

In 2011, the voters in Leon Valley reauthorized a street maintenance sales tax at a rate of one-fourth of one percent to provide revenue for municipal street repair and maintenance. At that time the expiration of the tax would fall on the fourth anniversary of that election date. In accordance with recent legislative bill amending Chapter 327 of the Tax Code, the City is calling for an election to reauthorize the tax with the tax expiring on the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the date of this election.

***What is a Street Maintenance Sales Tax?***

State legislation allows municipalities to collect a one-fourth of one cent sales and use tax exclusively for the maintenance and rehabilitation of existing public streets and alleys, with voter approval.

***What is the main purpose and goal for the Street Maintenance Sales Tax Program?***

To provide dedicated funds for repair, preventive maintenance and reconstruction of existing public streets within the city limits of Leon Valley. If reauthorized by the voters for a 10 year term, the revenue received would allow the City the ability to fund larger street maintenance projects and allow the City to issue debt for projects.

***Can the money generated by the Street Maintenance Sales Tax be used for purposes other than street repair?***

No, the money can only be used for existing street-related repairs, including sidewalks.

***What projects have been completed with funds from the Street Maintenance Sales Tax?***

The City has repaired and maintained 26 miles of streets, which include but are not limited to: Poss, Seneca, Huebner, Thistle, Watercress, Hodges, Althea, Forest Way, Forest Meadow, Walking Gait, Canterfield, Linkwood, Linkcrest, Thunderbird, Bluebird, Grass Valley, and Timberhill.

***How does the City of Leon Valley determine what streets will be maintained or repaired?***

The Public Works Department uses a pavement management system to help assess and determine maintenance needs.

***Are other cities collecting a street maintenance sales tax?***

According to the State Comptroller's Office the cities of Alamo Heights, Castle Hills, Cibolo, Floresville, Grey Forest, Hill Country Village, Hollywood Park, Kirby, Olmos Park, Karnes City, Selma, and Windcrest have sales tax programs for street maintenance.

***How much revenue does Leon Valley expect to collect during the ten-year life of the Street Maintenance Sales Tax?***

\$400,000 per year, for a total of \$4 million over the ten years.

***How much will it cost me?***

For every dollar you spend on taxable purchases in Leon Valley, 1/4 of one penny will go to street maintenance. (For every \$100 you spend, 25 cents goes toward the program.). This is a sales tax only and will not change any property tax payments.

**Election Information**

**Early Voting Locations - October 21-November 1<sup>st</sup>:**

Early voting by personal appearance will be conducted each weekday at: Leon Valley Conference Center, 6421 Evers Road. The hours of early voting will be:

Mon.	Tues	Wed.	Thurs	Fri.	Sat.	Sun.
Oct 21 8 am- 6 pm	Oct 22 8 am- 6 pm	Oct 23 8 am- 6 pm	Oct 24 8 am- 6 pm	Oct 25 8 am- 6 pm	Oct 26 10am- 6 pm	Oct 27 12pm- 6 pm
Oct 28 8 am- 8 pm	Oct 29 8 am- 8 pm	Oct 30 8 am- 8 pm	Oct 31 8 am- 8 pm	Nov 1 8 am- 8 pm		

**Election Day Voting Locations – November 5, 2013:**

<b>Precinct 2061</b>	Leon Valley City Hall 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, 78238
<b>Precinct 2143</b>	Leon Valley City Hall 6400 El Verde Road, Leon Valley, 78238
<b>Precinct 2112</b>	Leon Valley Elementary School 7111 Huebner Road, Leon Valley, 78240
<b>Precinct 3002</b>	John Marshall High School 8000 Lobo Lane, Leon Valley, 78240
<b>Precinct 3003</b>	John Marshall High School 8000 Lobo Lane, Leon Valley, 78240

Applications for ballots by mail must be received no later than the close of business on October 25, 2013.

Applications for ballot by mail shall be mailed to:

Elections Administrator  
Jacquelyn F. Callanen  
203 W. Nueva, Suite 3.61, San Antonio 78207-4045  
FAX: (210) 335-0343

For more information about the Street Maintenance Sales Tax Program, please call (210) 681-1232 or visit our website at [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov).

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**Elecciones Especiales el día 5 de noviembre de 2013**  
**Volver a Autorizar el Impuesto a las Ventas Mantenimiento de calles**

**¿Por qué este tema en la boleta de las elecciones de este otoño?**

En 2011, los votantes en Leon Valley decidieron de volver a autorizar un mantenimiento de calles de impuesto sobre las ventas, a una tasa de un cuarto de un por ciento de proporcionar ingresos para la reparación y de calles municipales y mantenimiento. En ese momento de la expiración del impuesto recaería en el cuarto aniversario de esa fecha de las elecciones. De acuerdo con el reciente proyecto de ley que modifica el Capítulo 327 del Código Tributario, la Ciudad está pidiendo una elección de volver a autorizar el impuesto con el impuesto que expira el 10 aniversario de la fecha de esta elección.

**¿Qué es el mantenimiento de calles de impuestos de ventas?**

La legislación estatal permite a los municipios para recoger una cuarta parte de las ventas de un centavo y el uso de impuestos exclusivamente para el mantenimiento y la rehabilitación de calles y callejones públicos existentes, con la aprobación de los votantes.

**¿Cuál es el principal objetivo y la meta para el Programa de Impuesto a las Ventas Mantenimiento de calles?**

Para proporcionar los fondos dedicados para la reparación, el mantenimiento preventivo y la reconstrucción de la vía pública existentes en el término municipal de Leon Valley. Si autorizados nuevamente por voto por un período de 10 años, los ingresos obtenidos permitiría a la Ciudad la posibilidad de financiar grandes proyectos de mantenimiento de la calle y permitira que la Ciudad de emitir deuda por proyectos.

**¿Puede el dinero generado por mantenimiento de calles de impuestos de ventas utilizarse para fines distintos de la reparación de calles?**

El dinero sólo se puede utilizar para las reparaciones relacionadas con la calle existentes, incluyendo las aceras.

**¿Qué proyectos se han completado con fondos mantenimiento de calles de impuestos de ventas?**

El Ayuntamiento ha reparado y mantenido de 26 millas de calles, que incluyen pero no están limitados a: Poss, Seneca, Huebner, Thistle, Watercress, Hodges, Althea, Forest Way, Forest Meadow, Walking Gait, Canterfield, Linkwood, Linkcrest, Thunderbird, Bluebird, Grass Valley, y Timberhill.

**¿De qué manera la Ciudad de Leon Valley determinar qué calles se mantienen o reparan?**

El Departamento de Obras Públicas utiliza un sistema de gestión de firmas para ayudar a evaluar y determinar las necesidades de mantenimiento.

**Hay otras ciudades de recolección impuestos a las Ventas Mantenimiento de calles?**

Las ciudades de Alamo Heights, Castle Hills, Cibolo, Floresville, Grey Forest, Hill Country Village, Hollywood Park, Kirby, Olmos Park, Karnes City, Selma, y Windcrest tienen programas de impuestos sobre las ventas para el mantenimiento de calles.

**¿ Cuánto se espera que los ingresos que obtiene de este impuesto durante la vida del mantenimiento de la calle de impuestos de ventas?**

\$ 400.000 por año, para un total de \$ 4 millones para los diez años.

**¿Cuánto me va a costar?**

Por cada dólar que gaste en compras imponibles en Leon Valley, 1/4 de un centavo se destinará a mantenimiento de las calles. (Por cada \$ 100 que gasta, 25 centavos van hacia el programa.). Esto es sólo un impuesto sobre las ventas y no cambiará los pagos de impuestos de propiedad.

**Información Electoral**

**Votacion Adelantada: - 21 de octubre-1 de noviembre:**

La votación adelantada en persona se llevará a cabo de lunes a viernes e: Leon Valley Centro de conferencias, 6421 Evers Road.

Las horas y fechas de votacion adelantada seran:

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Secretaria de la Votación Adelantada  
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Para obtener más información acerca de Programa de Impuesto a las Ventas Mantenimiento de calles por favor llame al (210) 681-1232 o visite nuestro sitio web en [www.leonvalleytexas.gov](http://www.leonvalleytexas.gov).

Esta hoja se proporciona con fines informativos para los votantes solamente, y por la ley, la Ciudad de Leon Valley no puede y no tomar una posición ya sea a favor o en contra de esta edición especial de las Elecciones.



## Special Election – November 5, 2013

### Creation of a Crime Control and Prevention District

#### ***Why is this issue on the election ballot this fall?***

The City Council of Leon Valley established a Temporary Crime Control and Prevention Board dedicated to crime reduction programs in July of this year. The temporary board utilized its authority to call an election to create a Crime Control and Prevention District (CCPD) and establish a sales tax to support crime prevention efforts. If approved by the Voters of Leon Valley, the CCPD will be administered by the Board, comprised of City Council Members and a citizen representative.

#### ***What is a sales and use tax?***

State legislation allows municipalities to collect sales and use tax imposed on all retail sales, leases and rentals of most goods, as well as taxable services, and in this case, to be exclusively used for crime control and prevention programs.

#### ***What is the main purpose and goal for the Crime Control and Prevention District and associated programs?***

The primary goal of the District is to enhance community policing programs, providing more patrol, and supporting general crime prevention activities within Leon Valley.

#### ***How much revenue does Leon Valley expect to collect from this Sales and Use Tax?***

The City anticipates collecting \$221,800 annually from this sales and use tax, which will be dedicated to accomplishing crime control initiatives developed by the Temporary Board of Directors of the Leon Valley Crime Control and Prevention District with the direct assistance of the Leon Valley Police Department. If approved, this tax will be in effect for 4 years, unless it is reauthorized by voters. It is anticipated that over 4 years, the revenue generated will be \$887,200.

#### ***How much will it cost me?***

For every dollar you spend on taxable purchases in Leon Valley, 1/8th of one penny will go to the CCPD for crime control and prevention programs. (For every \$100 you spend, about 13 cents goes toward the program.). This is a sales tax only and will not change any property tax payments.

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## Elecciones Especiales el día 5 de noviembre de 2013 Creación del Distrito para la Prevención y control del Crimen de Leon Valley

### ¿Porque está este tema en la boleta de las selecciones de otoño?

El Consejo de la ciudad de Leon Valley estableció una junta temporal para prevención y control al crimen dedicada a programas de reducción del crimen en julio de este año. La junta provisional utilizó esta autoridad para hacer el llamado a una elección para crear un distrito de prevención y control del crimen Y estableció un impuesto sobre la venta para apoyar los esfuerzos de prevención al crimen. Si es aprobado por los votantes de León Valley, el distrito de control y prevención del crimen será administrado por la junta, compuesta de miembros del consejo de la ciudad y representantes ciudadanos.

### ¿Que es el impuesto sobre ventas y uso?

La legislación del Estado permite a los municipios recaudar impuestos sobre venta y uso tasados sobre todas las ventas y rentas de la mayoría de los bienes, así como servicios sujetos de impuesto, y en este caso, para ser usados exclusivamente para programas de prevención y control del crimen.

### ¿Cuál es el objetivo principal para el distrito de prevención y control del crimen y otros programas asociados?

El objetivo principal del distrito es mejorar los programas de la policía comunitaria, proporcionando más vigilancia y apoyando las actividades de prevención del crimen a nivel general dentro de Leon Valley.

### ¿Cuánto se espera recibir en ingresos a partir de este impuesto sobre venta y uso?

La ciudad prevé recaudar \$221,800 anualmente a través de este impuesto sobre venta y uso, el cual será dedicado a lograr las iniciativas de control del crimen desarrolladas por la junta temporal de directores para el distrito de prevención y control del crimen de Leon Valley con el apoyo directo del departamento de policía de Leon Valley. Si es aprobado, este impuesto tendrá efecto por cuatro años, a menos que sea re autorizado por los votantes. Se anticipa que por el periodo de cuatro años, los ingresos generados serán de \$887,200.

### ¿Cuánto me va a costar a mi?

Por cada dólar que usted gaste en compras sujetas a impuesto en Leon Valley, 1/8 de cada centavo irá al distrito para prevención y control del crimen, para sus programas. (Por cada \$100 que usted gaste, cerca de \$0,13 irán hacia este programa). Éste es un impuesto sobre la venta únicamente y no habrá ningún cargo a pagos de impuesto sobre la renta.

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## Citizens of Leon Valley,

Thank you for electing me to the Leon Valley City Council. I am honored to serve you and will diligently work with the Mayor and Council to move our city forward. Please allow me to update you on some recent changes.

On May 31, 2013, City Council developed strategic goals for our city, one being to create a more effective City Council schedule. A reduction in City Council meetings can help meet this goal. By meeting once a month, city staff can effectively focus on the day-to-day operations of Leon Valley and better serve our citizens.

On September 17, 2013, City Council voted to adopt a six-month pilot program that will change City Council meetings from two to one per month. During this pilot, city staff will collect data and document any actual savings this may bring to tax payers. One such anticipated saving will be in legal fees. The city should save \$8,400 annually since meeting once a month will reduce legal representation.

We thank the Mayor for holding a public hearing on the

issue of meeting once a month, as it allowed citizens the opportunity to voice their opinions and concerns regarding the issue. One concern about the reduction in meetings was it might eliminate the way citizens communicate with their elected officials. We want to assure you that your voices and opinions will always be heard. In addition to speaking with the Council at public meetings, there are several other ways to communicate with your City Council: 1.) Via email – all addresses can be found at [www.leonvalleytexas.org/mayorandcitycouncil](http://www.leonvalleytexas.org/mayorandcitycouncil); 2.) Participating in scheduled “Walk with the Mayor” events; 3.) Attending the monthly “Coffee with the Mayor and Council”; and 4.) Calling City Hall at 210-684-1391.

If at any time the City Council sees the pilot program is ineffective, we have the ability to place the ordinance on an agenda and reconsider returning to two meetings per month. Our duty is to serve you and we will do what is best for the City of Leon Valley.

Thank you for your continuous support.

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## **HOMESTEAD UNDER THE STARS FUNDRAISER SET FOR NOVEMBER**

Fresh on the heels receiving our master plan detailing the future of the Huebner-Onion Homestead and Stagecoach Stop, we are delighted to announce we have received a \$30,000 one-to-one grant challenge. The descendants of Joseph and Caroline Huebner, who built the homestead, have pledged a \$30,000 donation conditional on the historical society raising an additional \$30,000 for the restoration of both the two-story covered porch and balcony, and the gravesite of Joseph Huebner.

"My family and I are vitally interested in supporting the efforts of the Leon Valley Historical Society to restore and renovate the former home of our ancestors," says Douglas H. Barnes, representative of the Huebner descendants. "The historical society's efforts to protect and preserve this piece of our collective history, and their vision to create a museum celebrating early settlers in Bexar county, is praiseworthy. We're happy to be a part of the project."

We are holding two special events to help raise the additional \$30,000 to

pay for this significant first step, and help with the operational costs of the property in the year to come. The first *Homestead Under The Stars* event will be held **Saturday, November 9, 2013 from 6:30 - 8:30 p.m.** on the grounds of the homestead. Tickets are \$35 per person, and include introduction to our architects and their plans, and the contemporary descendants of Joseph Huebner, with cocktails, heavy hors d'oeuvres and great live music.

It took the hard work and dedication of many in our community for years to get us to this point. First, the home and adjacent buildings had to be stabilized to withstand weather and time and be safe from collapse. The home needed a roof. Next, we consulted with park and wildlife experts and created a 36-acre natural area with walking trails adjacent to the home that is part of the original homestead. Finally, we focused on funding the creation of the master plan, which required the expertise of architects who specialize in historic restoration. Ford Powell & Carson and Main Street Architects were selected to create the plan, in consultation with the historical society and the City of Leon Valley. We are grateful to all who played a role in these efforts.

Please plan to join us on **November 9!**

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# Business Awareness: Partnering for Safety

By Claudia Mora, Economic Development Director

For economic development to occur and be sustainable, it must have partnerships. The City has been working on establishing partnerships with government entities, business groups and community groups to better plan and promote economic development initiatives for Leon Valley. Recently, a few local businesses reached out to the City to establish a partnership for awareness and safety. The Leon Valley Police Department (LVPD) responded with information and assistance.

Recently, Brenda Tellez of Tellez Tamales & Barbacoa and Herman Murray of Ancira spoke before the City Council to express their concerns regarding the increased occurrence of panhandlers in Leon Valley's major intersections. In general, the increased presence of panhandlers was adversely affecting Leon Valley's image and possibly, deterring patrons from stopping in Leon Valley.

With the assistance of the LVPD, Ms. Tellez organized a meeting of Leon Valley business owners and managers to discuss panhandlers in Leon Valley. Police Chief Randall Wallace addressed a group of businesses which included Henry's Puffy Taco, Peter

Piper Pizza, Linda's Pet Grooming, Tellez Tamales & Barbacoa, and Ancira. Also present at the meeting were Traffic Enforcement Officer Chad Mandry and Economic Development Director Claudia Mora.

Chief Wallace's presentation included an overview of panhandling and public policy. He commented that panhandlers are not necessarily homeless; in fact, a small percentage of homeless people panhandle and a small percentage of panhandlers are homeless. Panhandlers go where the money is. The information provided can be summarized as: if drivers and residents are sympathetic to panhandlers, the panhandlers will continue to frequent the area.

## Police Enforcement Response:

1. Warning panhandlers and ordering them to "move along" - most common police response.
2. Issuing citations.
3. Arrest - panhandling is a Class C Misdemeanor.
4. LVPD is working with VIA for Criminal Trespass at bus shelters.

## Suggested Business Enforcement Response:

1. Discourage people from giving money to panhandlers - signs within business.
2. Modify physical environment to discourage panhandlers - controlling access to restrooms, dumpsters, places to sit or lie down.
3. Regulate alcohol sales to chronic inebriates who panhandle in the area.
4. Work with other businesses to share information and ideas.
5. Give Criminal Trespass warnings.

LVPD is available to meet with businesses to discuss panhandling awareness along with safety and awareness practices. Future meetings are being planned. If you are interested, please contact Ms. Tellez at [REDACTED]

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# Fire Prevention Activities in Leon Valley –

## “Prevent Kitchen Fires”

Leon Valley Firefighters are gearing up to fight fire through prevention activities throughout the whole month of October. Firefighters are scheduled to visit our schools and daycares, local businesses, and even hosting tours of the fire station. Firefighters will be teaching the fundamentals of fire safety which include; practicing an escape plan, knowing two ways out of every room, crawling low through smoke, and stop drop and roll if your clothes catch on fire.

Besides teaching the fundamentals of fire safety, Firefighters will be emphasizing kitchen fire safety in cooperation with the National Fire Protection Association Fire Prevention Week campaign, “Prevent Kitchen Fires”.

According to the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA); cooking is the leading cause of home fires in the United States, and two out of every five home fires starts in the kitchen. Of those, the most common cause is unattended cooking. Taking steps to be extra careful when cooking can greatly reduce your risk of having a fire in your home, and help keep your family safe.

One of the most dangerous types of kitchen fires occur when pan frying food and the grease catches fire. Remember, do NOT put water on a grease fire, it will only work to make the fire bigger. When pan frying foods make sure to have a lid nearby. Place the lid over the pan and turn off the heat if a fire starts and do not remove the lid until you are sure the fire is out.

Don't forget to keep children at least 3 feet away from cooking food, and turn all pot handles inward to better help prevent accidents, including scald burns, and other emergencies.

Stay safe, and please call if you have any questions, 210-684-3219.



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